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**Congressman Ben Cardin - Maryland's Third District**

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Dear Friends,

Before adjournment, Congress passed the *Darfur Peace & Accountability Act*, H.R. 3127, which will help provide millions of Sudanese citizens with the assistance they need to survive.

I co-sponsored this measure, which has been signed into law by the President. It strengthens sanctions placed on individuals and governments responsible for the atrocities in Darfur. It also authorizes additional funds for peacekeeping and humanitarian aid, and provides additional assistance to the African Union Mission in Sudan to stabilize the region.

While passage of H.R. 3127 is an important step, more needs to be done. On August 31, the U.N. Security Council authorized that a significantly larger force be deployed to Sudan to protect civilians. That needs to happen. I have urged the United States to increase pressure on the Sudan to accept the new U. N.-authorized force and to establish a no-fly zone in Darfur to help protect civilians.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin  
Member of Congress



**CARDIN URGES PASSAGE OF TAX CREDITS TO STIMULATE R&D AND HOMEOWNERSHIP**

Rep. Cardin testified before the Ways & Means Committee to urge passage of two bills he has co-authored before final congressional adjournment -- the *Homeownership Tax Credit*, H.R. 1549, and the *Research and Development Tax Credit*, H.R. 1736. The R&D bill will help businesses by expanding and making permanent research and development tax credits to create more R&D jobs in our country. The homeownership measure would encourage construction and rehabilitation of homes for low- and moderate-income families, making the dream of homeownership possible for an estimated 50,000 Americans a year and creating an estimated 122,000 jobs a year.

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Answer	Percent
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